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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

**SUBJECT:** Presentation on Child and Adolescent Health Centers

The Child and Adolescent Health Centers presentation will provide a brief overview of the program and the services it provides; highlight interagency collaborative efforts between the Department of Education, the Department of Community Health, and the School Community Health Alliance of Michigan; and identify how Child and Adolescent Health Centers reduce barriers to learning.

With a rapidly growing body of research supporting the impact student health, safety, and learning environment has on student achievement, the State Board of Education, the Michigan Departments of Education and Community Health, numerous other state agencies, and private organizations and their partners jointly recognize that Coordinated School Health Programs can positively impact student academic achievement and empower students with the knowledge and skills essential to make healthy and responsible decisions throughout their lifespan.

Despite Medicaid and state-funded health insurance programs for children, more than 160,000 children in Michigan remain uninsured. The Child and Adolescent Health Center program, a key component of the Coordinated School Health Programs model, provides high quality and accessible primary health care services to Michigan children and youth. Child and Adolescent Health Centers represent a critical safety net for tens of thousands of uninsured, under-insured, and publicly-insured children and youth who otherwise would not have access to primary health care services. The goal of the Coordinated School Health Program is to achieve the best possible physical, intellectual, and emotional status of children and adolescents to support academic achievement by reducing barriers to learning and creating effective learning environments.

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